



Payette National Forest

Forest Service News Release

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Proposed Changes to Recreation Fees on the Payette National Forest

McCall, ID, June 30, 2025— The Payette National Forest is proposing changes to recreation fees at various recreation sites on the forest.

“We recognize how important our recreation areas are to local communities and visitors of the Payette National Forest,” said Matthew Davis, Forest Supervisor for the Payette National Forest. “We are dedicated to providing high quality experiences and recreation fees are a critical funding source that helps us provide clean, safe, and accessible recreation opportunities.”

Not all recreation sites on the forest require a fee. Including the sites in this proposal, over 52% of sites on the forest would still not require a recreation fee.

The proposed fees by site are listed in the below tables.

Site Name	Site Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Deadman Bar	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$0	Single Site Fee: \$10
Justrite	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$0	Single Site Fee: \$10
Kiwanis	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$0	Single Site Fee: \$10
Old East Fork	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$0	Single Site Fee: \$10
Paradise	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$0	Single Site Fee: \$10
Big Creek	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Big Flat	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Brownlee	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Buckhorn Bar	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Burgdorf	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Cabin Creek	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20

Camp Creek	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Chinook	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Cold Springs*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Evergreen*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Four Mile	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Grouse*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Hazard Lake	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Huckleberry	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Jeanette	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Kennally Creek	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Lafferty	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Lake Fork	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Last Chance	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Mann Creek*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Ponderosa	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Poverty Flat	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Secesh	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10	Single Site Fee: \$15
Spring Creek*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Upper Payette Lake*	Campground	Single Site Fee: \$10 Double Site Fee: \$15	Single Site Fee: \$15 Double Site Fee: \$20
Spring Creek*	Group Picnic	Day Fee: \$15 rate per group size: 1-25 \$20 rate per group size: 26-50 \$25 rate per	Day Fee: \$30 rate per group size: 1-50 \$50 rate per group size: 51-max people

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Upper Payette Lake*	Group Campground	Night Fee: \$20 rate per group size: 50	Night Fee: \$60 rate per group size: 50
Cold Springs*	Group Campground	Night Fee: \$20 rate per group size: 50	Night Fee: \$60 rate per group size: 50
		Night Fee: \$30 rate per group size: 75	Night Fee: \$60 rate per group size: 75

*Site is available on Recreation.gov with an additional reservation fee of \$8.00

In 2004, Congress passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) which allows the Forest Service to retain at least 80% of the money collected at recreation sites and use these funds locally to operate, maintain, and improve these sites. Revenue collected through recreation fees would help the forest improve infrastructure at recreation sites and fund additional recreation staff during the season of operation. Recreation fees help provide quality recreation opportunities that meet the modern expectations of visitors and creates a more financially sustainable recreation program for future generations.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed recreation fee changes. The comment period is set to end by close of business on September 15, 2025. To ensure that your comments are considered, please send your comments no later than the above date to Payette National Forest, Attention: Emily Simpson, 500 North Mission Street, McCall, Idaho 83638 or by email at emily.simpson@usda.gov. Comments can also be provided online at <https://arccg.is/1eKXDWo>.

Oral comments must be provided in person at the Payette National Forest to Emily Simpson during normal business hours (Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) or by calling 208-634-0700 and indicating you would like to provide comments on the proposed recreation fee changes. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ro4/payette>.

Once public involvement is complete, these recreation fee changes will be reviewed by a citizen’s advisory committee. Committee members represent a broad array of recreation interest groups to help ensure that the Forest Service is proposing reasonable and publicly acceptable recreation fees. The committee will submit their recommendation to the Regional Forester for a final decision.

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